

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

In accordance with the Patent Office's suggestion, the pending claims 1 to 11, 13 to 18 and 27 have been resubmitted as new claims 32 to 49. Therefore, it is believed that the claims now properly comply with the rules and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the remarks presented in the amendment of February 10, 2004.

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